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# Moving Food Faster to Those Who Need it Most in the Sahel

This week, urgently needed food—33,700 tons of sorghum from American farmers—will depart the United States for West Africa, as a part of the U.S. Government's response to the drought in the Sahel.

Due to poor harvests, high food prices, and a number of conflicts in the region, a dire humanitarian situation is looming for chronically vulnerable populations across the Sahel region of western Africa.

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Food aid is just one aspect of the overall USAID response to the crisis in the Sahel. USAID is also focusing on improving nutrition, increasing agricultural production, linking individuals to local markets through voucher programs, rehabilitating public infrastructure through cash-for-work schemes, and mitigating conflict, among other activities.

In addition to providing life-saving assistance, these efforts aim to alleviate poverty and build community resilience to withstand future shocks. With an announcement yesterday of an additional \$120 million in [emergency assistance](#), the U.S. government is providing nearly \$200 million in humanitarian assistance this fiscal year to the Sahel region.

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